

MEXICO INDEPENDENT

MEXICO, THURSDAY, MAR. 12, 1874.

News of the Week.

The British Parliament was opened on Thursday and Henry Bonville Brand re-elected speaker.

Dispatches from Calcutta report that distress among the famine-stricken people in Eastern India is increasing. In one village alone, 18 persons have starved to death within the past four days. The number of applicants for employment on government relief works has increased from 15,000 to 30,000 within a week.

Don Carlos has announced that it is not his intention to impose a contribution upon the population of Bilbao, when that place is taken. On his entrance into the city he will proceed to the cathedral and be crowned the King of Spain.

The civil service committee of the House have agreed to report a bill increasing the salaries of the Assistant Secretaries of the several departments, the Assistant Postmaster-general, the Assistant Secretary-general, also, to abolish the office of appraiser of merchandise in certain cities.

October 1, 1873, the registrar-general in England has reported that there were and thirty-one different religious sects having at that date places registered for divine worship. During the past year six new sects have sprung into existence, one of which has taken the name of "The Unsectarian."

The temperance crusade has begun in Cincinnati. The women of Columbus have been grossly insulted, but are not dismayed.

It is stated that certain inhabitants of the Azores have addressed a petition to President Grant, asking the establishment of a United States protectorate over the Azores, and the President made reply that the era of popular will had replaced the era of conquest.

It is stated that the English government will be obliged to support 300,000 people in India for the next three months. The expenditures on account of the famine to the end of February were \$1,500,000, and the famine is increasing.

Great destitution is reported along the line of the New York and Oswego Midland Railroad, owing to a non-payment of wages.

The total amount of internal revenue collected since the revenue laws went into effect, in 1862, is \$1,792,555,000.

The Bureau of Statistics publishes figures showing that the imports for the past nine months ending October 31, 1873, exceeds the domestic and foreign exports combined, by \$41,541,715, while for the same period in 1872 the excess of imports over exports was \$128,551,253.

It is said that the Hudson River railroad is doing one-third more business since the panic than ever before, still it has cut down the wages of its employees ten per cent.

Measures are being taken to establish another suspension bridge over the Niagara river, at Clifton, Ontario.

The English War Office is in receipt of despatches from Sir Garnet Wolseley announcing the capture and burning of Comaassie, the flight of King Oufou Calalli and the immediate return to the Trains on the Central Pacific railroad are now bound, the snow being 25 (5) feet deep on a level.

Ex-President Millard Fillmore died at his residence in Buffalo, March 8, at ten minutes past eleven. He was conscious up to the time of his death. At eight o'clock, in reply to a question by his physician, he said: "The nourishment was palatable." These were his last words. His death was painless.

The President has issued a proclamation in regard to ex-President Fillmore, eulogizing his life and character, and ordering that the Executive Mansion and the several departments be draped in mourning and that no business be done on the day of his funeral. Suitable military and naval honors are also ordered to be paid to his memory. The Senate and the House of Representatives of the United States adjourned in respect to the death of ex-President, and flags in New York city were at half mast.

The House military committee will report a joint resolution authorizing the Secretary of War to detail an engineer officer to aid in continuing the exploration of the country east of the Dead Sea and the river Jordan, which is being prosecuted by the Palestine Exploration Society. The government is not asked to pay any of the expenses of the survey beyond the salary of the officer. The president of the society is Professor R. D. Hitchcock and among its members are the Rev. Drs. Greenly and Adams, of New York; Professor Dana, of New Haven; Professor Henry, of the Smithsonian Institution and a large number of other prominent divines and scientists. An English society is carrying on a similar work of exploration on the western side of the Jordan. The cost of completing the work of the American society is estimated at \$30,000 a year for five years.

The steamer Pennsylvania, from Liverpool, arrived at Philadelphia, reports having met a violent hurricane on the 27th ult., at midnight. The sea carried away the bridge, on which were Captain Bradburn, the first and second officers, and two sailors, who were all washed overboard and lost. The fourth officer had a leg broken. The ship's hull and machinery were uninjured, but she lost her boats and deck-houses. Captain Bradburn belonged to Baltimore, and the other officers were from England.

After the loss of the officers a consultation was held, and it was agreed that a steamer passenger named Brady, formerly third mate of the ill-fated Atlantic, who swam ashore and secured the line of the Atlantic thereby saving a number of lives, should take charge of the ship and it was through his management that the vessel was brought into port.

The King of Ashantee has sent 1,000 ounces of gold to General Wolesley as the first installment of indemnity, with a request for peace. The white troops are on their way homeward.

On Monday a petition was presented in the French Assembly accusing Gambetta of having sacrificed the national defense to political designs.

The State Senate committee have agreed to report the classification bill.

On Tuesday the New York Central railroad directors declared the usual semi-annual dividend of four per cent.

The Crispin strike in New York is spreading.

The temperance movement was inaugurated in Brooklyn, Tuesday.

Kentucky Library Concert.

A CARD TO THE PUBLIC.

The manager is desirous that every ticket-holder in the Fourth Concert which comes off in the Public Library Hall on the 31st of March, shall be perfectly satisfied with the distribution of Gifts which is to take place at that time. The distribution of \$1,500,000 is an affair of such importance that although the interests of the absent ticket-holders will be faithfully cared for by the management, yet they would be glad for all to see and know, each one for himself, that everything is done which the most scrupulously exacting could ask, to make the distribution absolutely fair and impartial. All arrangements for the drawing are complete, and the ticket-holders are invited to send delegates to a meeting to be held in the Public Library Building, on the 20th of March, to select a committee to co-operate with the committee appointed by the trustees to count and examine the tags, and see that every ticket is fairly represented in the drawing. The time is short, and whatever is to be done must be done promptly. Your co-operation in this matter is earnestly invited.

Yours,

THOS. E. BRAMLETTE,
Agent and Manager, Pub. Lib. Ky.
For tickets and information apply to
THOS. H. HAYS & CO., 609 Broadway,
N. Y.

An Outgrowth of Other Diseases.

Cataract sometimes exists alone, but is more frequently a symptom of other diseased conditions. The following letter explains it:

"COLLINGWOOD, Onondaga Co., N. Y., Jan. 25, 1872.

Dear Sir—Allow me to give you a brief history of the effect of your medicine called "Golden Medical Discovery" in my case. I am now in my seventy-fourth year, and naturally of firm constitution. Within the last few years, from over-exercise, I have been afflicted with a complication of diseases almost incredible to relate. In the first place Cataract, to a degree that, to me, it seemed that my voice passed out at the ears, to which was added its natural ally—Bronchitis; to which, at no great length of time, were added Neuralgic pains in the head and shoulders and bloating of the lower limbs, the most of which was reproduced by a torpid state of liver. I had the advice of several eminent physicians, and tried almost every known remedy for such complaints without relief. A rapid loss of strength and waste of flesh, reminded me that I could not long withstand the combined force of disease which was fast bearing me down. I gave up my business, made my will, had my grave stone placed in position and lettered except the date of exit, and resigned myself to my couch to await events. Not long after this, I saw your advertisement, procured your remedies—I am now on the second half-dozen bottles of Golden Medical Discovery—have a good appetite, have gained 15 pounds of flesh, no more talk out of my ears, no more bloating of the limbs, can walk two or three miles with ease, and feel that you have given me a lease of ten or fifteen years of my life.

Yours unknown friend,
LUTHER COLE.

DR. PRIME OR MR. TALMAGE.—Dr. Prime, Editor of the N. Y. Observer says of Mr. Talmage: "His sermons I regard as among the best specimens of the simple, earnest, pungent presentation of the solemn and precious truths of the Gospel that I have ever read, and having a fertility of illustration that is marvelous." Mr. Talmage's sermons, etc., and Mr. Spurgeon's articles, are furnished to the Christian at Work, and to no other journal in America. Mr. Talmage displays marked ability in conducting this paper, and we doubt not that he will make it great success. It is published at 102 Chambers St., N. Y. Sample copies furnished free. Agents wanted everywhere.

"A WONDER OF MEDICAL SCIENCE." may well be applied to Dr. Wistar's Balsam of Wild Cherry. It is nearly half a century since this remarkable remedy was introduced to the public, and yet the immediate and enviable reputation which it gained by its wonderful cures of coughs, colds, whooping cough, sore throat, influenza, consumption and all bronchial complaints, is to this day fully sustained.

It is a rare thing that physicians give any countenance to a medicine, the manufacture of which is a secret. About the only exception we know of is Johnson's Anodyne Liniment. This, we believe, all endorse, and many of them use it in their practice with great success.

Persons requiring purgatives or pills should be careful what they buy. Some pills not only cause griping pains, but leave the bowels in a torpid, costive state. Parson's Purgative Pills will relieve the bowels and cleanse the blood without injury to the system.

For Sale or to Rent,
House and lot of 3 or 8 acres, to suit purchaser or tenant, pleasantly situated in the village of Mexico. Inquire of H. L. Cole, Esq., Mexico. 18-5w.

Don't fail to see the New Weed Sewing Machine at Virgil's Book Store before buying. 12

R. A. BURKE
Having just replenished his store with a splendid assortment of

NEW GOODS!

Would inform the public that he is prepared to sell them at as low prices as they can be bought for in Syracuse or elsewhere. I will sell prints from 6 cts. to 10 cts. for best.

Lonsdale Sheetings, 15 cts.
Atlantic A, 12 1/2 "
Atlantic L, 10 "
Stafford E, 14 "
Best Cotton Flannel, 20 "

A nice assortment of FAMILY GROCERIES sold very cheap. Also a splendid line of Crocker at low prices. Boots & Shoes, Fancy Goods, Yankee Notions, &c., &c., all at greatly reduced prices. Call and examine for yourself and be convinced you can get the worth of your money. R. A. BURKE.
Columbus, Dec. 23, 1873. 8-3m

MEXICO MARKETS.

The following are the prices paid for farmers produce, etc., in this market:

Flour (total) \$1.30, red \$1.00, white \$1.00
Meal, 1/2 cwt, (retail) 1 60
Corn, 1/2 cwt, 75 85
Oats, 1/2 cwt, 50 55
Butter, 1/2 cwt, 34 38
Loose Butter, 34 34
Cheese, 11 14 14
Lard, 10 14 20
Eggs, 1/2 doz, 05 14
Beef, 1/2 cwt, \$5 47
Mutton, 1/2 cwt, \$8 00
Pork, 1/2 barrel, retail, \$17 40
Pork 1/2 cwt, \$7 50
Apples, (dried,) 1/2 lb, 07 08
Ham, 1/2 lb, 08 12
Dried Poultry, 1/2 lb, 8 10
Potatoes, 1/2 bush, 40 40 50

Housekeepers Take Notice.

Oswego Flour, Winter, \$2.15; Spring, \$1.90.
Kansas Flour, 15 cts per gallon.
One Dollar Tea, 85 " per lb.
Pork (retail), from 10 cts.
Hams, 12 1/2 cts.
Shoulders, 9 cts.
Lard, 10 to 14 cts.
Salt, \$1.30 per bbl.
Soap, 5 cts per bar.
Coat's Thread, 7 cts. per spool.
W. O. JOHNSON,
Washington St., Mexico.

THIRTY YEARS is certainly long enough time to prove the efficacy of any medicine, and that the Pain-Killer is deserving of all its proprietors claim for it, is amply proved by the unparalleled popularity it has attained. It is a sure and effective remedy. It is sold in almost every country in the world, and it needs only to be known to be prized, and its reputation as a Medicine of Great Virtue, is fully and permanently established. It is the great Family Medicine of the age. Taken internally, it cures Dysentery, Cholera, Diarrhoea, Cramp and Pain in the Stomach, Bowel Complaint, Painters' Colic, Liver Complaint, Dyspepsia, or Indigestion, Sudden Colds, Sore Throat and Coughs. Taken Externally, it cures Bruises, Bolls, Felons, Cuts, Burns, Scalds, Old Sores and Sprains, Swellings of the Joints, Toothache, Pain in the Face, Neuralgia and Rheumatism, Chapped Hands, Frost Bitten Feet, &c.

Pain is supposed to be the lot of us poor mortals, as inevitable as death, and liable at any time to come upon us. Therefore it is important that remedial agents should be at hand to be used on emergency, when we are made to feel the excruciating agony of pain, or the depressing influence of disease. Such a remedy exists in Perry Davis' "Pain-Killer," the fame of which has extended over all the earth. Amid the eternal ices of the Polar regions, or beneath the intolerable and burning suns of the tropics its virtues are known and appreciated. And by its suffering humanity has found relief from many of its ills. The effect of the Pain-Killer upon the patient, when taken internally in cases of Cough, Cold, Bowel Complaint, Cholera, Dysentery, and other affections of the system, has been truly wonderful, and has won for it a name among medical preparations that cannot be forgotten. Its success in removing pain, as an external remedy, in cases of Burns, Bruises, Sore and Sprains, Cuts, Stings of Insects, &c., and other causes of suffering has secured for it the most prominent position among the medicines of the day. Beware of counterfeits and worthless imitations. Call for Perry Davis' Vegetable Pain-Killer, and take no other.

Sold by Druggists and Grocers.
Feb. 13, 1874.

TO PURIFY THE BLOOD,
And improve the General Health,
Take one of HOOPLAND'S PODOPHYLLIN PILLS every day for a few days, and they will follow with HOOPLAND'S GERMAN BITTERS.

The Pills will expel all the foul humors that vitiate the Blood, produce the Fever, Sickness, Headache, Backache, Nausea, Loathing of Food, Offensive Breath, unsightly Eruptions on the Skin, and all those effects which arise from impurity, impure secretions. The HOOPLAND'S GERMAN BITTERS will give tone to the stomach, and restore the digestive organs to perfect health, induce the secretion of healthy bile, and for the proper digestion and assimilation of food for the making of Pure Blood and nourishment of the body to renewed health. This is the most valuable of the Sarsaparilla for purifying the Blood, for the component parts have specific action on the diseased system, and the result is a new blood.

JOHNSTON, HOLLOWAY & CO., Proprietors, Philadelphia. Sold by all Druggists.

MORTGAGE SALE.—Whereas, Catherine W. Wals, of the town of Schroeppel, in the County of Oswego and State of New York, by her certain indenture of mortgage bearing date the eighth day of May, A. D., one thousand eight hundred and sixty-nine, and to secure the payment of the sum of five hundred and four dollars to be paid in one year from date of said mortgage, with annual interest, did mortgage and convey unto Christian H. Usenbents, of the city of Syracuse, Onondaga County, New York, the premises hereinafter described.

And whereas, the said Catherine Wals, by her certain other indenture of mortgage bearing date the 25th day of July, A. D., one thousand eight hundred and seventy, and to secure the payment of the sum of four hundred and eight 75-100 dollars; payable one day after date with interest, did mortgage and convey unto the said Christian H. Usenbents, of the city of Syracuse, Onondaga County, New York, the premises hereinafter described, and to secure the payment of the sum of four hundred and eighty dollars and four cents, did mortgage and convey unto the said Christian H. Usenbents, of the city of Syracuse, Onondaga County, New York, the premises hereinafter described, and to secure the payment of the sum of four hundred and eighty dollars and four cents, did mortgage and convey unto the said Christian H. Usenbents, of the city of Syracuse, Onondaga County, New York, the premises hereinafter described, and to secure the payment of the sum of four hundred and eighty dollars and four cents, did mortgage and convey unto the said Christian H. Usenbents, of the city of Syracuse, Onondaga County, New York, the premises hereinafter described.

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Clare Memorial.

We are very much pleased to see by the report of the Executive Committee of the National Clare Memorial Union, which is published in this week's issue of our paper, that it is expected that the memorial will be finished, ready for dedication, during the last week of August next. We have nothing will occur to interfere with the progress of the work, as all are very anxious to see its early completion.

Those Who Use It.

A Frenchman or a Dutchman, or for the matter of it, any foreigner, when he becomes partially familiar with the English language, and tries to speak it, often makes ludicrous mistakes and talks altogether not in English, or French, or in Dutch, but in a language, a cross between the two. Of course his hearers often indulge in peals of laughter, and manners and breeding, however, good are often futile restraints to their merriment. A partly educated deaf-mute makes blunders which, though of a different kind from those of the foreigner, are still blunders, and they often provoke a smile and sometimes downright laughter from hearing folks. It was doubtless a droll surprise to the gentleman, who was entertaining two deaf-mutes in his study, when he was called out for a short time, before he was telling them "to mind themselves at home," to find upon his return, that they had put their own construction upon his words and actually gone home. But still more droll is the spectacle of the efforts of the hearing gentleman to master the sign language, and when he has learned a few signs it is fun to the intelligent mute to see him strive to put them into form, and to carry on a conversation in the language. Of course after a few attempts to express himself, he will fall back on the manual alphabet, but even in that there is sometimes abundance of oddity. Of course out in the world our language is to many a novelty, and there are but few who will not stop to stare when two deaf-mutes are talking. We are often laughed at, to be sure, and though at first the sensitive mute is sorely vexed, yet he gradually gets used to it, and finally becomes reconciled to the inevitable. Still it is consoling to know that when one of the other party attempts to adopt the mutes' language, it is our turn to laugh.

We have never been in France and do not know whether the language of pantomime is a natural gift there. It would seem so, however, from our experience with Frenchmen in this country. We met one once, a fat, active little fellow, who used his fingers remarkably well, and interested us for some time with the most natural and graceful pantomime imaginable. We met him in an out-of-way place towards the close of our last vacation, and having done much scribbling for many days previous, it was refreshing to meet somebody able to address us in our own language. Comparatively, and as a rule, the deaf-mute has few pleasures, and these he will not find everywhere. So it shall ever be our hope that when we are away from our Institution and "clan," we may fall in with some intelligent and communicative Frenchman, who will gladden our heart with his graceful pantomime.

New Publication.

At the Nebraska Institution a monthly paper, styling itself "The Mute Journal of Nebraska," has been started. The Legislature of that State has appropriated one thousand dollars to enable it to be used as means of bringing uneducated deaf-mutes found in the territory to a knowledge of the existence of a school for them in the State.

The *Silent World*, on the receipt of a number of that periodical says: "We know if you should printed a paper, there would be no call for *The Journal, The Advance, and The Silent World*." For ourselves, we do not see how we could hear the news from every Institution or State if each should publish a paper devoted mainly to local matters, unless we subscribed for all of them. But then arises the question: Are the pocket-books of a very large majority of our silent people plethoric enough for such an enlargement of the press?

Rev. Samuel Smith's (British) Magazine.

This magazine commenced its second volume with the January number. In that number there is a fine portrait of the Prince of Wales, drawn and engraved by G. E. Andrews, a deaf-mute, and also a picture of Jesus bearing the Cross. Prof. Burnett's oration before the Rochester Convention is republished, and we presume it may read rather queerly to our English countrymen; nevertheless we hope it will do some good to those over the sea. There is an article by Rev. Mr. Kitto, and the first chapter of a serial, and their good reading.

The price of the magazine has been increased to two pence per copy.

The number for February contains a biography of Laurent Clerc, and also his portrait. Those of our readers who remember seeing Mr. Clerc, would hardly recognize him by the picture. He looks much younger, and we should not much wonder if it was taken before he embarked for America with Dr. Gallaudet. This number is also illustrated by a Bible scene—The Resurrection and Ascension of our Lord.

New York Notes.

My DEAR RIDER:—That surprise parody at Mrs. Chandler's, so faithfully chronicled in this week's *Journal*, must have been a gala time to the surprisers and the surprised. We regret exceedingly that

we were not present; however, we have had some stirring times down our way, and this, in a manner, is our recompense. On Saturday evening, Feb. 21st, Mr. Charles W. Van Tassel lectured before

THE FANWOOD LITERARY ASSOCIATION, taking for his subject "My Cave Life in Kentucky." The lecture occupied an hour, and was an instructive hour to the audience. President Simpson was absent on an affair of the heart; but Vice President Ehle occupied the chair with dignity and decorum.

WASHINGTON'S BIRTHDAY

fell on Sunday, this year, and in our State the celebration and festivities came off on the next day. The day is getting to be more and more observed, and by none more than by the mutes themselves, and in point of fact, the mutes here, since the opening of their term, have not let any great day pass passively away. The great "Father of his country," though dead, still lives in grateful remembrance and illustrious deeds on his natal day. On that day we spent about a couple of hours in the chapel, during which a short pantomime was acted, which more of heretofore, and remarks suitable to the occasion were made by the gentleman teachers. Some of these gentlemen contented themselves with giving incidents of Washington's life incident simple, while others, more elaborate, took grand flights of imagination, carrying us back back ever so far, to the time of the Romans and Horatius, which the deaf-mutes then bringing down, down through delightful windings to the base of Bunker Hill, next across the country to our capital, then farther south, leaving us transfixed and full of admiration and reverence at the tomb at Mount Vernon. One of the orators had a little manuscript about a square inch in size, but during his oration he waxed eloquent and fairly brought down the house, and pursuant to a resolution adopted on the spur of the moment, we are enabled to publish the contents of the little manuscript:

Born Feb. 22nd, 1732, aged 76.

Battle Bunker Hill, fought 17th June, 1775.

Resigned his commission Dec. 23d, 1782.

Died Dec. 14th, 1799.

Mr. Henry W. Style made us all happy by exhibiting some letters written by Washington, one of his diaries, and a few tickets containing his autograph.

A DROLL LITTLE BOY.

The brain of the small boy is at times odd, and there is no telling what may unexpectedly come out of it. While the exercises were at their height a little boy was seen by the principal to creep out of the door, and a little later rapid little feet were heard in the hall. The principal knew where he was going, and so wrote a little note to him, for he was a smart and knowing little fellow, notwithstanding his disposition to truant a little. When the messenger found him he was standing near a lady so the note was handed to her, and when she had read it she said to the little fellow, "Why, George, Dr. Peet says you must go right back to the chapel." "What's the use," inquired the little fellow, "Mr. Washington ain't there?"

THE PANTOMIME.

was gotten up by the members of the High School, and was a representation of little George chopping the cherry tree, his father's wrath, George's confession, and a tableau of the forgiving. Cherry trees not being attainable in these parts, an evergreen bough was substituted. James Simpson acted the father, Frederick King a colored servant, busily engaged in hoeing in the garden, Jonathan Eddy, the teamster of the plantation, and Patrick Brennan personated little George. Mr. Style was asked if he could not loan for the occasion the original hatchet, but unfortunately it was not among his relics, so one was procured from the cabinet shop. The whole play was successful, but it was exceedingly comic, and had nothing of the political about it.

THE MASQUERADE.

Toward evening it was whispered about that the young ladies were going to give a surprise. Diligent inquiry elicited the fact that a masquerade was on the tapis; and sure enough at about eight o'clock the parlors were thronged with the noisiest and most festive assemblage they had ever known. Some were dressed up beautifully in fact; others, too, their characters from the squatters that infest our mountainous districts, on passed off very well as Mrs. Captain Jack, though the widow's weeds were wanting; another was dressed up fantastically, bewitchingly in plaid garments to represent a Highland maiden, and she had the sauciest little jockey cap on her head, three others might have been recruits from the neighboring graveyard as they were all clothed in white, and another would have made a respectable Bluebeard, were his beard only blue instead of white; but we can't go through the group of characters; each was happy in his or her contrast with some one else. In due time the sitting room was visited for the benefit of the little ones, and when the wonder had ceased to attract, the masks were removed and a happy social reunion enjoyed. Thus closed the anniversary of Washington's birth for 1874, and those who live to see another anniversary will doubtless celebrate it with two fold zeal.

THE TRIALS OF A VOTER.

Last fall most of the deaf-mute teachers exercised their rights as free-born Americans and went to the polls and voted. But scarcely had the Legislators taken their seat in the Chambers at Albany, when news flashed over the wires, of a contest for the seat of Senator from our (the Eighth) Senatorial district, known soon after on the bills as the Moore-Pinckney contest case. Mr. Pinckney was the republican candidate, his opponent—well anything else. For the former we voted, but found he was defeated. The investigation before a special Committee of the Senate, had been going on for several weeks, when, as it was suspected that everything was not all right up our way, about a dozen of us received last Saturday a subpoena to appear before the Committee at the Metropolitan Hotel and give our evidence. We held a consultation and discussed the thing pro and con and wondered whether it would be advisable not to go; but after the opinions of some of our oldest and wisest heads had been duly weighed, we came to the conclusion that it wouldn't be safe to stay away. So we went in single file and in a beeline, but we didn't like it, for we were summoned on Washington's birthday,

and we had our own ideas of what was patriotic. Arriving at the place, we took possession of the softest seats in the parlor contained and calmly awaited our turn to be sworn. There was a crowd around us to be sure, each individual present on the same errand, but it was a mixed crowd and we were in a hurry to get out of it. At last one of our number was called up, and while he stood with hands on the Bible, the chairman of the committee read the oath, but it wouldn't do; the witness couldn't hear a word and wouldn't swear unless he knew what he was to swear to. At this juncture a presuming individual, who could use his fingers to some advantage, came up and offered himself as interpreter, but this wouldn't work for the lawyers on both sides objected, and looked wicked at the bare mention of a third party. One of us restored harmony by telling them that if they would be good enough to put everything into writing we would answer them to their satisfaction. They did, and the plan worked even into the cross-examination, but it was fearfully slow. Counsel wanted to know why witness was positive that he voted for Mr. Pinckney. Witness said by perception. And asked what he meant by perception, replied, the evidence of his senses, of course. It evidently didn't pay to do much cross-examination in that quarter. A few more of us were called up, and finding that they were not half through with us yet, and discovering also that we were solid for Pinckney, they concluded to take our word for it and let us go. Each of us had a warrant for our expenses of attendance, but where was the man that was to pay it? Some one said "down stairs"; but "down stairs" in a hotel means a good deal. However down we went determined to keep a good lookout and keep up the scent. Luckily we stumbled upon a policeman from our Station in the same dilemma, but he had the advantage of open ears and sticking to his coat tails, when he had heard enough to put him on the right track, we had the gratification of being piloted straight to the pay-master, and there our troubles ended. We will think twice before we vote again next fall.

National Clare Memorial Union.

REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

New York, Feb. 16th, 1874.

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New York, Feb. 26th, 1874.

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In making another quarterly report, the Executive Committee have great pleasure in informing the Board of Managers that very important steps have been taken towards the accomplishment of the common object. The design, location, and cost of the memorial have been settled; a contract for its execution has been made; and work upon it is being vigorously pushed, in the hope of having the dedicatory ceremonies take place in August.

The Managers sent in their votes upon the questions mentioned in the last report, with great deliberateness; but a majority decision was soon reached upon every point. The Executive Committee, however, were willing to announce it, so long as any more votes were expected. Finally, all the Managers but one having been heard from, the Committee held a meeting at Hartford on the 12th and 13th of December, 1873.

The votes were found to stand thus:

1. What shall the memorial be?

A. Bronze bust on a granite pedestal, 41

A monument, 21

The Home for the Aged and Infirm, 2

At the American Asylum, Hartford, 58

On Mr. Clerc's grave, 2

In Central Park, New York, 2

(The Home) in the country near N. Y., 2

2. How much shall it cost?

Three thousand dollars, 43

Twenty-five hundred dollars, 15

No sum stated, 6

3. Amounts promised by the Associations.

F. L. A., \$600 00

N. Y. M. A., 550 00

Penn. C. M. A., 500 00

Mich. C. M. A., 115 00

Ill. C. M. A., 125 00

Ohio C. M. A., (last reported), 30 00

N. C. C. M. A., 30 00

Miss. C. M. A., 26 50

Oregon C. M. A., 36 00

N. E. C. M. A., 500 00

Cal. C. M. A., (last reported), 37 25

Kans. C. M. A., 35 00

D. C. C. M. A., (paid), 77 06

Total, \$2661 81

The Committee called upon the Hon. Calvin Day, President of the Board of Directors of the Asylum, and were assured that the Board would, without doubt, at their annual meeting in May, consent to the erection of the monument where desired.

The result being known, Mr. H. A. Batterson, of Hartford, submitted to the Committee a number of designs. Mr. Batterson is a brother of Mr. J. G. Batterson, who executed the Gallaudet monument and who, as long ago as 187, was consulted about one to Mr. Clerc; and now has charge of the monumental part of his business.

A description of the design which was then selected, has been so widely published, that there is no need to repeat it here. But it was not then finally adopted by the Committee, after the necessary consideration and consultation, concluded to make the following modifications.

FIRST.—In order to bring the bust, which is the principal attraction, into a position where it can be looked at more closely and with greater ease, the height was slightly diminished.

SECOND.—Both in order to reduce the expense, and because on correspondence with the deafists of the country there appeared little prospect of securing a satisfactory design for the bronze base-relief—the choice of an appropriate subject being very difficult—this was omitted, and a representation of the name CLERC in the manual alphabet, also in bronze, was substituted.

THIRD.—To correspond with these changes, the shape of the pedestal was somewhat altered.

The cost will be:

Bust, \$1,000 00

Pedestal and foundation, 1,500 00

Name, not to exceed, 200 00

Inscription, at the rate of 50 cents a letter, this being the regular charge.

The total will thus come well within \$3,000.00.

No payment is to be made until the whole has been completed and accepted.

It has been shown that the Board, by a very large majority, authorized and

directed the Committee to go to the expense of \$3,000, and over \$2,500 being already on hand, and more promised, the Committee were justified in believing that \$500 additional, or even more, if desired, could be raised for the time for the payment. But the Committee thought it most prudent, especially in view of the existing hard times, to arrange so that the cost certainly should not exceed \$3,000. If there be any surplus, it can readily be decided how to use it.

An artistic drawing of the design for the monument has been made and photographed. Arrangements are also being made to have plaster casts of the bust taken, suitable to be placed in the institutions—a wish for such having been very generally expressed. Due notice will be given when the Managers and are ready; and the Managers and all other persons desiring either photographs or busts, are requested to inform the Treasurer.

The Committee have every reason to expect that the monument will be completed in time to dedicate during the last week of August. Assurances to this effect have just been given by Mr. Batterson's agents in Scotland, where the stone is being prepared. But the Managers should bear in mind that the date of the decision on the nature of the memorial, left barely nine months—the letter to Mr. Cairn, as the letter is called, for its execution; and the Committee feel sure that they will not incur any delay that may prove necessary in order to have the work done in a perfectly satisfactory manner. At the same time, the Managers may rest confident that every effort will be made to expedite the work. The Committee have requested Mr. Weeks to act as Resident Agent at Hartford, for this special purpose.

The Committee request the Board of Managers to give them authority for the following purposes:

1st. To call for the collections of the associations to be sent to the Treasurer of the Union between the 1st and 15th of July.

2nd. To appoint an orator, and make all arrangements for the dedication.

By the Constitution, the associations have a right to keep their own collections (after paying the \$10 deposit) until a general call is issued. But they may send them to the Treasurer of the Union at any time. Several associations have already sent in the whole, or the greater part, of their funds; and the Executive Committee recommend those particularly which have only small sums on hand, to do the same in order that the money may be deposited in bank so as to draw interest. If P. O. Money Orders are used they should be drawn on Station E, but mailed to Box 6, Station M, N. Y. City.

The Treasurer's report, annexed, will be found clear and satisfactory.

In conclusion, the Committee have the pleasing duty of expressing their thanks to Mrs. Clerc and her children, Rev. Francis J. Clerc, D. D. and Mrs. E. V. Beers, for their valuable assistance towards obtaining a correct likeness of Mr. Clerc; and to the Hon. Calvin Day, Rev. W. W. Turner, Ph. D., Mr. E. C. Stone, the principal, and the other officers of the Asylum, especially Messrs. Weeks and Bird, for hospitality and

the progress thus far made has been very encouraging; and the Committee trust that, under the Divine blessing, and with the hearty co-operation of all interested, the work may be speedily and satisfactorily brought to an end.

By order of the Executive Committee.

THOMAS BROWN, President.

HENRY WINTER SEY, SECRETARY.

TREASURER'S STATEMENT.

NEW YORK, FEBRUARY 16, 1874.

To the Board of Managers of the National Clare Memorial Union:

DEAR SIRS:—I have the honor to give you the following statement of the sums reported up to this date by the associations, clear of expenses, and of the amount in the Treasury of the Union:

No. Associations. Amount.

1. Fanwood Lit. A., \$608 42

2. New York C. M. A., 458 25

3. Pennsylvania C. M. A., 123 78

4. Michigan C. M. A., 125 00

5. Illinois C. M. A., 30 00

6. Ohio C. M. A., 30 00

7. North Carolina C. M. A., 26 00

8. Minnesota C. M. A., 16 50

9. Oregon C. M. A., 51 00

10. New England C. M. A., 416 67

11. California C. M. A., 38 50

12. Kansas C. M. A., 30 25

District of Columbia C. M. A., 77 06

Total, \$2,576 03

Bank Interest, 5 22

Total, \$2,581 25

Less expenses organizing Committee, \$36 75

Less expenses Executive Committee, \$21 02

Total, \$2,523 48

Grand Total, \$2,523 48

These sums are all in the hands of associations, except the amounts mentioned below, which are in the Treasury of the Union:

Deposit of \$10 by 12 Assoc's, \$120 00

Remittance from Cal. C. M. A., 24 40

" " Oregon C. M. A., 41 00

" " D. C. C. M. A., 77 06

Bank interest, 5 22

Total, \$267 68

Less disbursements, 57 77

Total in the Treasury of the Union, 209 91

Total in the hands of Assoc's \$2,313 57

Grand Total, \$2,523 48

January 1874, \$2,523 48

October, 1873, 2,494 00

Increase in 3 months, \$29 48

In accordance with Art. II, § 7 of the Constitution, I wrote to the Presidents of all the Associations in the Union to report their amounts to the Executive Committee before the 10th day of January, 1874. I waited for their reports till February 14th. The North Carolina and Minnesota C. M. Associations have not yet reported their respective sums. Therefore I have put down the amounts they reported to me last October.

The Oregon C. M. Association has sent all its funds to me.

Respectfully yours,

CHARLES S. NEWELL, JR.,

Treasurer N. C. M. Union.

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